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TO: Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual CDAC)
FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
SUBJECT: Reminder of NPI Billing Deadline
EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Less than one month remains until all claims will be required to be submitted in compliance with HIPAA. To avoid a disruption in cash flow, please comply with these claim instructions.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), in conformance with the HIPAA statute, will no longer accept claims with legacy provider numbers. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 1A - Blue Cross Provider Number
- 1B - Blue Shield Provider Number
- 1C - Medicare Legacy id
- 1D - Medicaid Legacy id
- 1G - UPIN

Those fields where legacy numbers are currently being placed must be completely BLANK. Even if your claim has the correct NPI(s), you **MUST REMOVE ALL CHARACTERS, INCLUDING LEGACY NUMBERS**. If any claims, including adjusted claims (including the credit/adjustment form) are submitted after May 23, 2008, with legacy numbers, **the claims will reject or be returned to you**. This rule applies to **BOTH** paper and electronic claims submitters, and to all fields, including:

1. Billing entity
2. Treating/rendering provider
3. Referring/MediPASS/Lock-In provider (NPI allowed ONLY if patient is in the MediPASS or Lock-In program)
4. Prescribing provider

Pharmacy providers and "dummy numbers"

Prescriptions including refills that have previously been submitted for payment and have not used a NPI number (i.e. use of a dummy number in the prescriber field), will deny on Point of Sale (POS) effective May 23, 2008 unless a NPI number is entered in the prescriber field (NCPDP V5.1 Field Number 466-EZ).

NCPDP V5.1 Claim Submission Requirements

Prescriber NPI and NPI qualifier will be required for use on all NCPDP Version 5.1 Claim (B1) transactions. The following table identifies the NPI required NCPDP Version 5.1.

NCPDP V5.1 Field Number	NCPDP V5.1 Field Name	NCPDP V5.1 Transaction Instructions	NCPDP Reject Codes
202-B2	Service Provider ID Qualifier	Enter 01-NPI	B2 = M/I Service Provider ID Qualifier
466-EZ	Prescriber ID Qualifier	Enter 01-NPI	EZ = M/I Prescriber ID Qualifier

For providers expecting claims to cross-over automatically from Medicare:

In order for claims to cross-over, you must be set up with Medicare the same way you are with Medicaid. In addition, if you are expecting automatic cross-overs you must remove the Medicaid legacy number from your Medicare claim. Failure to take either step means claims will not cross-over automatically and will have to be submitted on paper.

Please Note:

All providers must share the NPI with IME. IME is not obtaining NPI(s) directly from NPPES. Therefore, it is every provider's responsibility to take this step.

For your convenience, updated claim instructions are available on our website for you to reference. Please visit us at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us>

If you have any questions regarding NPI and claims processing, please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004, or e-mail IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us.